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## Letter to Hon Thomas G. Jones, October 17, 1895

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October 17, 1896.

Hon. Thomas S. Jones,

Montgomery, Ala.

My dear Governor:-

On the 23rd. of September, 1894. you kindly sent me, at my request, a twenty dollar bill of what is known as the "Patton Money" to be used as evidence in our behalf in an attempted suit against myself, as Governor, and the Auditor and Treasurer for an alleged violation of the laws of the United States in the issuance of similar obligations under an act of the Mississippi Legislature. In transmitting the warrant, or bill, to me, you stated that it was equivalent to twenty dollars in currency to the Treasurer of Alabama and that you had procured it from him on the terms that it should be replaced by twenty dollars in currency, and that when it had served its purpose with me I should return it to the treasurer and he would refund the twenty dollars. The suits against me and the engravers was not finally dismissed until some time <sup>July</sup> ~~inward~~ last, and some time afterwards the bill was returned to me. On the 29th. of July, 1895, I sent the bill, A. 5554, \$ 20.00, to Gov. Gates by registered mail, and requested him to hand it to the treasurer, and request him to return me the twenty dollars currency. In due time the registry receipt ~~was~~ returned to me signed by the Governor's Private Secretary. Hearing nothing more of it I wrote Gov. Gates again on the 15th. of August, calling his attention to my letter of the 29th of July. Receiving no reply to this letter, I again wrote him on the 17th. of September, and up to this time no notice whatever has been taken of either

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of my letters on the subject.

When I sent the Bill to Gov. *Art*, I as stated <sup>I</sup> registered the package and inclosed a directed envelope with postage and registry fee, but all I have ever received is the receipt signed by the Governor's Private Secretary.

I dislike, Governor, to trouble you with this matter, but it seem that I must do so or lose my twenty dollars. The failure of Gov. Cates to take any notice of any of my letters suggests the possibility that he has no knowledge of them, but in order to reach him in person I marked the Encl. and ad. letters "Personal".

Apologising for this lengthy communication, and thanking you in advance for anything you may do in the premises, I am,

My dear Sir,

Your Obedient servant

*Wm. M. Jones*